



THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

CITY LIVABILITY PROGRAM: A FACT SHEET

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

To recognize and honor Mayoral leadership in developing city programs that contribute to the quality of life of the urban environment. Such programs can be in any policy area, from transportation to economic development to programs that assist the hungry and homeless.

COMPONENTS

The three components of the program are 1) The National Clearinghouse on City Livability, which gathers information on programs that contribute to urban livability; 2) the City Livability Awards, which annually honor Mayors for leadership of programs to improve livability; and 3) technical assistance to Mayors and staff on livability issues.

SPONSOR OF THE PROGRAM

The U.S. Conference of Mayors' City Livability Program is made possible by the support of Waste Management of North America, Inc., the world's largest environmental services company.

1991 WINNERS

Large Cities:

First Place - Mayor Sharpe James, Newark, NJ.

Outstanding Achievement - Mayor Cathye Ray, Mesquite, TX; Mayor J.E. Bud Clark, Portland, OR; Mayor Richard Arrington, Birmingham, AL; Mayor John P. Rousakis, Savannah, GA.

Small Cities:

First Place - Mayor Joseph Jenkins, Provo, UT.

Outstanding Achievement - Mayor Robert Stewart, Columbus, IN; Mayor Robert Menendez, Union City, NJ; Mayor John Heilman, West Hollywood, CA; Mayor Louis Lapolla, Utica, NY.

AWARDS PROCESS

Applications for the City Livability Awards Program are mailed to all cities of 30,000 or more, the membership of the Conference of Mayors, in mid-January of each year. Cities prepare applications describing one program that contributes to the livability of their urban environment. This year, applications were due in Washington on March 31, 1991. An independent panel of judges, selected by the Conference of Mayors, reviewed the applications in April, and Mayors receiving Awards were announced at the Annual Conference of Mayors meeting in San Diego on June 17.

PARTICIPATING CITIES

The largest number of cities ever participated in this year's program with a strong array of applications. The total was 117 cities submitting a total of 120 applications.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

Ten awards are given, five for cities above 100,000 in population and five for those below 100,000. In each population category there is one First-Place Awards and four Outstanding Achievement Awards for a total of ten awards.

1991 PANEL OF JUDGES

Benjamin L. Brown, General Counsel, National Institute of Municipal Law Officers; L. William Chapin II, A.I.A., Vice President, American Institute of Architects; William Collins, President, Livable City Associates, Norwalk, CT, and former Mayor of Norwalk; Beth Cunigan, Controller, Metro Washington Airports Authority; Robert Guskind, Contributing Editor, The National Journal; Chief Guy H. Sapp, Chief of Police, Wilmington, DE, and a member of the Conference of Mayors Police Policy Board; and Roy Vanderford, Executive

Director, Indianapolis Network for Employment and Training, and former President of the United States Conference of Mayors Employment and Training Council.

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